



Public Safety Concern



Officers have drawn firearms on individuals who possessed non-firearm weapons due to the challenge of differentiating between real firearms and imitation firearms or pneumatic guns



In 3 years, our police department property management unit took in:

- 1067 firearms (handguns and long guns) for evidence, safekeeping and found.
- 201 BB guns / pellet / and airsoft guns for evidence, safekeeping and found.



State law changes

- BB guns are now defined as "pneumatic guns" (not firearms)
- Prohibitions on youth use of bb guns were repealed.
- State law leaves it up to local government to decide whether to regulate pneumatic guns, including possession by juveniles, based on local needs



Current City firearm ordinance

- Firearms ordinance written in 1967, with few updates
- No City ordinance regulating pneumatic guns (bb guns, paintball, etc)
- No City ordinance regulating "replica" or "imitation guns"



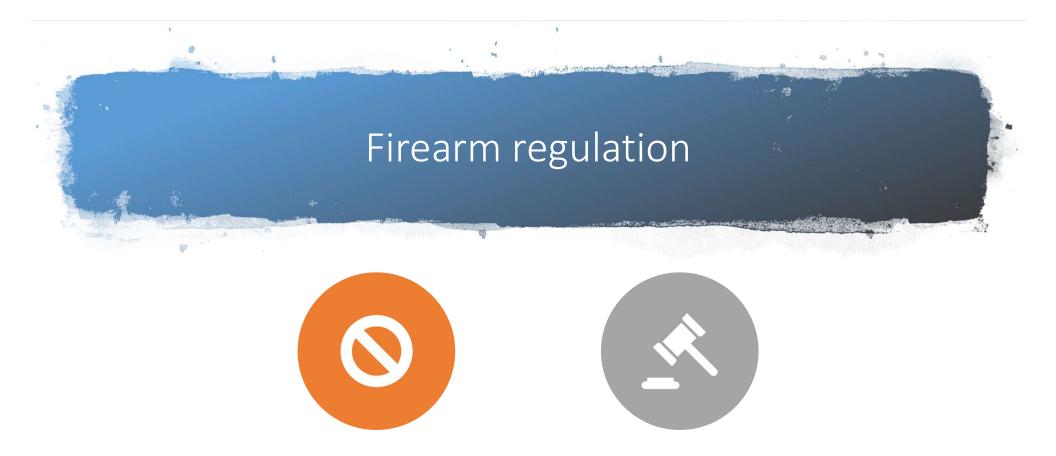
GOAL

- Modernize ordinance to meet City's current needs and enhance the importance of community safety
- Update ordinance in furtherance of City Attorney commitment to review City Code
- Embrace the concept of police and community working together for a safer community



Weapons Ordinance

- Update definition of firearms
- Regulate pneumatic guns
- Regulate imitation firearms
- Regulate other projectile weapons



PROHIBIT DISCHARGE

PROHIBIT BRANDISHING IN PUBLIC

Pneumatic Gun and other Projectile Weapons



Prohibit

Discharge in public place



Prohibit

Youth under 16 from possessing in a public place without supervision



Regulate

Discharge on private property



Prohibit

Brandishing

Imitation Firearm Regulation



Comply with federal regulations on marking (e.g. orange tip, translucent)



Regulate sale, possession, giving away imitation firearms that do not comply with federal regulations



Prohibit display, expose, brandish where markings are concealed



Prohibit altering imitation firearms to look more like real firearms or pneumatic guns.





Require Parental control of youth's possession /use of weapons



Require property owners to take reasonable steps to prevent irresponsible use of weapons on their property



Provide a mechanism for disposal of weapons used in violation of the ordinance



Violations are misdemeanors

